

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board
BALBOA PARK COMMITTEE

April 29, 2004

Meeting held at:

Balboa Park Club, Santa Fe Room
2150 Pan American Road
San Diego, CA 92101

Mailing address is:

Balboa Park Administration
2125 Park Boulevard MS#39
San Diego, CA 92101-4792

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Laurie Burgett (Arr 6:13)
Darlene Davies
Vicki Granowitz
Jeffrey Kirsch (Arr 6:19)
Dan Mazzella
Nancy Rodriguez
Paul Rucci
Joe Silverman
Warren Simon
Michael Stepner
Joyce Summer

Members Absent

Jeffery Tom (Ex)

Staff Present

Michael Behan
Charles Daniels
Kathleen Hasenauer
Gary Stromberg

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Davies called the meeting to order at 6:08 P.M.

COMMUNICATIONS

Bruce Bleakley, of the San Diego Aerospace Museum, voiced his concerns with the limited parking in the Palisades area. He cited a decline in attendance at the museum when the parking lot is closed for events. Underground parking and a pedestrian plaza should be considered in the Land-Use, Circulation, and Parking Study.

Dan Mazzella expressed appreciation to Bruce for the Eagle Scout event that the museum hosted on April 28.

Deputy Park and Recreation Director Michael Behan announced that the Mayor and City Council would receive the City Budget on Monday, May 3. On May 5, at 6:00 P.M., a Special Joint Meeting of the Park and Recreation Board and the Area Committees will be held at the War Memorial Building. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

301. Land-Use, Circulation and Parking Plan – Recommendations

The Draft Project Definition was distributed. Mario Campos and Mark Johnson said that the updated report includes all of the commentary received to date.

The format for the 6:00 P.M., May 20, 2004 Public Forum was discussed. The consultants will provide an overview of the recommendations and a synopsis of the Project Definition. Committee Members and the consultants will welcome attendees, receive input from the public, and answer questions. A public notice will announce the forum and information will be available on the web site.

Balboa Park Committee Members and Consultant Comments

- Should the Committee agree with the Actions that may not require a Plan Amendment, then the consultants would work with the staff to prioritize the Plan components. Cost would be a consideration.
- Each Project Component listed has back-up information and many potential permutations.
- More green space and the use of electric, or hybrid vehicles for shuttles are favored.
- The Project Definitions should not be limited to affordability. All elements should be included in the draft recommendations to the Planning Commission.
- Demonstrate an interdependency of the components. Develop two lists for short and long term goals.
- The Draft Project Definition will be revised to reflect changes the Committee proposed.
- L9 – Reclaim the entire park. Move the maintenance yard, obtain a view corridor, and consider a range of park uses such as passive, habitat restoration and recreational.
- Examine all of the alternatives. Consider a specific phasing program that demonstrates the ability to accomplish the project in a logical fashion with attention to fiscal responsibility.
- Mixed use plazas, which accommodate pedestrians and vehicles in Europe, are workable for the park.
- The Committee should be prepared to take action on the recommendations on June 3.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Davies adjourned the meeting at 8:18 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting:

Thursday, May 6, 2004
6:30 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Behan
Staff Representative

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